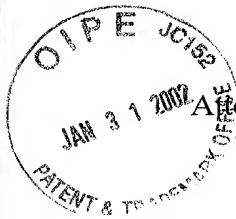


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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), continued prosecution application (CPA) of prior application number **09/463,352**, filed on **January 21, 2000**, entitled **NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES THAT CAN BE USED AS PRIMERS AND PROBES IN THE AMPLIFICATION AND DETECTION OF ALL SUBTYPES OF HIV-1**

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent is enclosed.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed:
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
6. ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time (3 months) is enclosed.
7. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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9. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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